THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The process of determination of the liabilities of various companies under DPEA is already in progress and all efforts are being made to complete it as quickly as possible.

Recovery of overcharged amount from drug companies

689. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount is due for recovery which was overcharged by drug companies;

(b) if so, what is the total amount due on 31st August, 1991;

(c) what are the hindrances, in ordering recovery of amounts due as arrears of land revenue under Essential Commodities Act; and

(d) if so, what is the decision of Government on this issue and what are the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) As on 31st August 1991, the total liabilities of the companies, as per the tentative assessments, are estimated at Rs. 226 crores against which the amount recovered comes to Rs. 16 crores.

(c) and (d) The question of recovering the amount alongwith interest, as arrears of land revenue, by referring the matter to the collector concerned, is under consideration.

Licensing of non-Governmental Broadcasting

690. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to come up with a new law covering all aspects of the licensing of non-Governmental broadcasting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the TV organisations which have shown interest in expanding the broadcast of TV programmes;

(d) whether there would be any improvement in the TV programmes after privatisation; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The Government have constituted an Inter Departmental Committee to make an indepth study of all aspects relating to the offering of telecasting/broadcasting rights to public corporations and suggest to the Government the detailed parameters to be laid down by law subject to which the telecasting/broadcasting rights could be offered to public corporations.

(c) A statement containing the names of individuals/agencies who have shown interest in establishment of broadcasting facilities or sharing time on the existing broadcasting network or to generally associate themselves with the competition in the electronic media is attached.

(d) and (e) It is expected that introduction of competition will lead to overall improvement in the programme output.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Party
1.	M/s PTI-TV Delhi
2.	M/s The Observer Channel Delhi and Bombay
3.	M/s Rajdhani Films (P) Ltd., New Delhi
4.	M/s TEDCO International Ltd., London
5.	M/s TV Programme Producers Guild of India, Calcutta
6.	M/s Paradigm Media, Bombay
7.	M/s ATHIRSTAM, Madurai

Sl. No.	Name of the Party
8.	M/s Business India Television, New Delhi
9.	M/s Times Television, New Delhi
10.	M/s Asian News International, New Delhi
11.	M/s A.A.A. Films Motion Picture Producers, Bombay.
12.	M/s India Today, New Delhi
13.	M/s. Credence Sound and Vision Ltd., Bombay
14.	M/s Internews Private Ltd., New Delhi.
15.	M/s. Yash Raj Films, Bombay
16.	M/s. International Television Broadcasting, Inc. New York.
17.	Shri Ramanand Sagar, Bombay
18.	Shri Vinay Dhumale, Bombay
19.	M/s Eastern News & Feature Agency (P) Ltd., Calcutta
20.	M/s Creative Eye Pvt. Ltd., Bombay
21.	Mr. Ashok Roy, Silchar
22.	M/s 7th Channel Video Corporation, Madras
23.	M/s United News of India, New Delhi
24.	M/s HTV, New Delhi
25.	M/s Vidicomp Distributors, Inc. Houston
26.	M/s Nimbus Communication Pvt. Ltd., Bombay
27.	M/s Asia Television Network, Bombay.
28.	M/s Anand Bazar Patrika Ltd., Calcutta
29.	M/s Varan Communications Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
30.	Shri Ashish Ray, (South Asia Correspondent, British Television), New Delhi
31.	M/s Forum for Better Cinema, Bombay
32.	M/s B. R. Films, Bombay.
33.	M/s Innovision Communications, Bombay
34.	M/s Jain Studios Ltd., New Dehli
35.	M/s. Krisnaswamy Associates Pvt. Ltd., Madras
36.	M/s. Global Channel Dosti Communications Pvt. Ltd., Bombay
37.	M/s. Pothujanam TV Programme Centre, Trivandrum
38.	M/s. Raj Television Network Madras
39.	M/s Centre for Media Studies New Delhi
40.	M/s All India Economic Offence Awareness Bureau, Hyderabad
41.	M/s Cinevista Ads., Bombay.
42.	M/s New Delhi Television, New Delhi
43.	M/s JANMAT, Dhanbad
44.	M/s. I. V. Communications Ltd. New Delhi
45.	M/s Vishal Productions, Bombay
46.	M/s N. M. Gopalratnam, Madras

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

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